

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cosmetic composition comprising:
 - (i) a moisturizing effective amount of glycerin;
 - 5 (ii) a sensory effective amount of a modified starch selected from the group consisting of a C_2 - C_5 hydroxyalkyl starch and a C_2 - C_{18} acyl starch;
 - 10 (iii) from about 1 to about 30% of a crystalline gel structurant comprising a surfactant and co-surfactant in an amount and type exhibiting an enthalpy as measured by Differential Scanning Calorimetry ranging from about 2 to about 15 Joule per gram, and wherein the composition has a normal force of from about +0.5 to about +5 grams thereby achieving a silky sensory feel on skin, the glycerin to modified starch being present in a weight ratio ranging from about 15 100:1 to about 2:1.
2. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the chemically modified starch is a hydroxypropyl di-starch phosphate or an acetylated di-starch adipate.
3. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the surfactant comprises a C_1 - C_{200} ester of a C_{10} - C_{22} fatty acid.
- 20 4. The composition according to claim 3 wherein the ester is a polyethoxy or polypropoxy alcohol ester of a fatty acid.

5. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the co-surfactant comprises a mixture of C_{10} - C_{22} fatty alcohol, a glyceryl ester of C_{10} - C_{22} fatty acid and a C_{10} - C_{22} unesterified fatty acid.
6. The composition according to claim 1 wherein glycerin is present in an amount
5 from about 10 to about 50% by weight.
7. The composition according to claim 1 wherein glycerin is present from about 12 to about 35% by weight.
8. The composition according to claim 1 having a SkiCon Value ranging from about 10 to about 80.
- 10 9. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the crystalline gel structurant has a melting point ranging from about 30 to about 70°C.